



BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**WILLIAM BROOKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Dear William Brooks Families,

I hope this message finds you well. Due to recent concerns regarding the nationwide threats posted on social media I want to assure our school community of our ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our students and staff. All threats are taken seriously and law enforcement is notified immediately upon learning of any threat. One of the keys to safety on our campus is our relationship with our local law enforcement and fire department. We work closely with them to ensure our practices are up to par and as safe as can be. The following are some of the safety practices here at William Brooks to keep our campus safe:

**Lockdown Drills:** To ensure that our students and staff are well-prepared for any emergency situation, we conduct regular lockdown drills throughout the school year. These drills are designed to familiarize everyone with the procedures to follow in the unlikely event of a serious threat. We approach these drills with sensitivity to ensure that students feel secure and understand the importance of these practices. The most important thing for students to do when they hear any alarm sound on campus is to stop what they are doing and look to the staff member in charge for directions. We reinforce this with students as their directions will depend on the situation and what staff has been directed to do to ensure safety.

**Training for Staff:** Our staff receives comprehensive training in emergency response protocols provided by El Dorado Sheriff's Office and Office of Emergency Services every other year to incorporate the latest safety practices and recommendations and ensure new staff members are trained. Our staff is scheduled for this training in January. As part of this training, deputies will complete a walkthrough of campus to provide feedback to enhance our safety protocols. In addition to this training, I will be attending a Threat Assessment training next week provided by the El Dorado County Office of Education and El Dorado County of Emergency Services.

**Enhanced Security Measures:** To further strengthen our school's security, the exterior surveillance system was upgraded last year. This enhancement includes the installation of high-definition cameras around the perimeter of the school. These cameras are monitored by our team and help ensure that our campus remains secure. Please be



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assured that these measures are in place to protect our students and staff while respecting their privacy.

We understand that safety is a top concern for all families, and we want to assure you that we are continuously evaluating and improving our safety measures to provide a secure learning environment. Every year our Site Safety Plan is reviewed and updated based on current recommendations from law enforcement as well as feedback from our School Site Council.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our safety practices, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we work together to keep our school community safe.

Noel Stedeford  
William Brooks Principal